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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-26 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent Number 6,560,456 issued to Lohtia et al. on May 6, 2003 in view of U.S. Patent Application Number 2005/0027676 issued to Eichstaedt et al. and published on February 3, 2005.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

Applicants assert that even if it were proper to combine the cited references, the resulting combination would not make obvious applicants' claims. This is because neither Lohtia nor Eichstaedt teach or suggest applicants' claim 1 limitation that recites, "registering the mobile station with a weather alert notification component upon receipt of the SMS request from the mobile station". In effect, the SMS request from the mobile is an initial registration request to receive a weather alert notification.

As stated in the Office Action, the Examiner agrees that Lohtia does not teach this limitation. Moreover, applicants note that Eichstaedt does not teach this limitation either. Instead, Eichstaedt discloses a system and method for enabling a user to receive an alert of a registered interest, i.e., stock feeds, news articles, personal advertisements, shopping list prices, images, search results, etc., when new information becomes available regarding the registered interest. Alerts can be provided to the user via a variety of delivery methods, e.g., instant messaging (IM), email, Short Message Service (SMS), Multimedia Message Service (MMS), and voice messages, as stated in paragraph 0013. Furthermore, Eichstaedt discloses that an interest in receiving one or more types of alerts is indicated in the user profiles, which are stored in a user database 115, as stated in paragraph 0018. However, contrary to applicants' claim 1, Eichstaedt, like Lohtia, does not teach or suggest that a mobile station is registered with a weather alert notification component upon receipt of a SMS request from the mobile station, as recited in applicants' claim 1.

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Thus, the clear teaching of Eichstaedt is that a mobile station can use SMS to provide an alert for registered services, however, the mobile station is not registered with a weather alert notification component in response to receipt of a SMS message.

Therefore the combination of Lothia with Eichstaedt does not teach or suggest all of the limitations in applicants' claim 1, and therefore claim 1 is allowable over the proposed combination. Since claims 2-10 depend from allowable claim 1, these claims are also allowable.

Independent claims 12 and 26 each have a limitation similar to that of independent claim 1, which was shown is not taught by the combination of Lothia with Eichstaedt. For example, claim 12 recites, "a weather alert notification component that registers a mobile station to receive a notification of a weather alert during a time period upon receipt of a short message service (SMS) request from the mobile station" and claim 26 recites, "means for registering the mobile station with a weather alert notification component upon receipt of the SMS request from the mobile station". The combination of Lothia with Eichstaedt does not teach these limitations for the above-mentioned reasons. Therefore, claims 12 and 26 are likewise allowable over the proposed combination. Since claims 13-25 depend from claim 12, these dependent claims are also allowable over the proposed combination.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If an additional telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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